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**Korean War Vets Recognized at County Fair** 

WAUKESHA – Waukesha County, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Waukesha

County Fair Board partnered to hold a commemorative event to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

the Korean War, which will recognize local veterans at the fair grounds main stage on Sunday,

July 20, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

To celebrate this honored occasion, Clifton Truman Daniel, grandson of President Truman, will

offer a keynote address. He will provide insight on President Truman's personal feelings

regarding war and the commitment of American forces to Korean War efforts.

County Executive Dan Finley said, "This event provides our residents with an opportunity to

show their respect and appreciation for veterans that served their country so honorably during

this conflict. I encourage all to attend."

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The event will begin with a military aircraft flyover and will be followed by a brief program.

Plaques will be given to Waukesha County residents that were Korean War prisoners and to the families of those that were killed in action.

This event was made possible due to the generous individual donations from area families and by corporate gifts from ACE Hardware, Geiger Awards, Pepsi, U.S. Cellular, Waukesha State Bank and WOW Distributing Company.

In-kind support from Positively Pewaukee, United Proud Patriots Veterans Organization, local American Legion Posts and other military-based were also received. All monies raised beyond actual event costs will be given to the Korean War Memorial in Plover, Wisconsin.

The Waukesha County Fair is located at 1000 Northview Road, in Waukesha. Adults receive discounted admission rates of \$3 on Sunday before 1 p.m. Children between the ages of 8 and 12 are also \$3. Children under 7 are free. Parking is \$3 per vehicle.

If you have questions, please call the Waukesha County Fair at (262) 544-5922.